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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **OHKI, Yuta**

Group Art Unit: 3743

Serial No.: **09/869,325**

Examiner: **Ford, John K**

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For: **SAMPLE TEMPERATURE REGULATOR**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED AUGUST 31, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: September 22, 2004

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In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **August 31, 2004**, the applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the species embodying Species I (Figs. 1 to 3). Claims 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 17 are readable on the elected species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

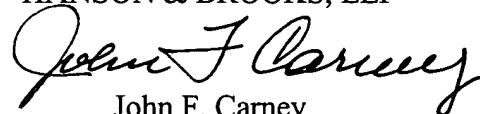
The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 17 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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